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OEDEMA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Insert the attached pages 4-8 for those which were originally filed.

Insert the attached Sequence Listing after the figures.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of preparing a medicament for treating oedema comprising admixing a chain of 7 to 17 contiguous amino acids derived from the region of human TNF- α from Ser¹⁰⁰ to Glu¹¹⁶ or from the region of mouse TNF- α from Ser⁹⁹ to Glu¹¹⁵ with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said peptide comprises a chain of 11 to 16 contiguous amino acids.